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SENATE BILL 722

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR AN IMPARTIAL COMMUNITY PLANNING
PROCESS ASSISTED BY STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES WITH PRIVATE SECTOR
SUPPORT TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF CREATING A WATERSHED.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. FEASIBILITY STUDY. --

A. The university of New Mexico shall administer a
planning process to determine the feasibility of creating a
watershed district in the Carson national forest area, near the
towns of Red River and Questa. The towns of Red River and
Questa shall provide a twenty percent match from a private-
sector source for funding received for the planning process.

B. The planning process shall include public
hearings to solicit community interest that are facilitated by
university staff in the towns of Questa and Red River, the

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1 production of a user guide publication to the watershed area, an
2 inventory of lands within the watershed area of the Red river
3 and demonstration projects for residents.

4 Section 2. APPROPRIATION. --

5 A. Two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) is
6 appropriated from the general fund to the board of regents of
7 the university of New Mexico for expenditure in fiscal year 1998
8 for the purpose of conducting a series of public hearings to
9 determine the feasibility of creating a watershed district in
10 the Carson national forest area, near the towns of Red River and
11 Questa. The towns of Red River and Questa shall provide a
12 twenty percent match from a private-sector source for funding
13 received for the study.

14 B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining
15 at the end of fiscal year 1998 shall revert to the general fund.

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5 February 26, 1997

7 Mr. President:

9 Your CONSERVATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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13 has had it under consideration and reports same with
14 recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:

16 1. On page 1, line 13, after "STUDY" strike the remainder of
17 the sentence and insert in lieu thereof "THE CREATION AND
18 IMPLEMENTATION OF A WATERSHED DISTRICT.",

19 and thence referred to the FINANCE COMMITTEE.

22 Respectfully submitted,

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Michael S. Sanchez, Chairman

Adopted _____ Not Adopted _____
(Chief Clerk) (Chief Clerk)

Date _____

The roll call vote was 8 For 0 Against

Yes: 8

No: None

Excused: Davis, Tsosie

Absent: None

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